

ONE CART NO BAGS MIX ALL YOUR RECYCLABLES TOGETHER

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The City of Temple is pleased to present you with your 96-gallon cart for the Curbside Recycling program. This green colored cart allows the City to use existing resources to provide curbside recycling service.

The curbside recycling program, also known as “**single stream recycling**,” allows these valuable resources to be diverted from the landfill. You can now recycle paper, junk mail, magazines, most plastics (#1 through #7), aluminum and steel cans, and boxes, such as cereal, cookies, crackers, etc. All of these items may be combined in the cart, making it easier than ever to recycle.

Containers Codes #1–#7 (see code on bottom of containers)



WHY DOES RECYCLING MATTER?

Recycling is good for the environment and the economy. Creating recycled materials takes less energy than using raw materials providing revenue and helping prevent increased landfill disposal costs.

We want to provide the best possible service at the lowest cost and appreciate your cooperation in keeping contaminants out of the cart. Proper cart placement is essential to efficient service.

Please take a moment to review this brochure and familiarize yourself with what is acceptable to recycle and how the green cart works. Keep this brochure as a handy guide to help educate everybody about recycling.

*Thank you for your participation,
City of Temple Solid Waste Department.*



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CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Welcome to Temple's Citywide Residential
Curbside Recycling Program!



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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

3 EASY STEPS

TO USE YOUR RECYCLING CART

1. Put Only Recyclables in Your Green Cart

All recyclable items—paper, plastic, and metal—need to be mixed together loosely in one cart for collection. Please read the list of acceptable items and ensure that only these items are placed in the green cart. Keep contaminants OUT of your recycling cart. Contamination is costly and can lead to an increase in garbage rates.

Note: Recycling carts with repeat problems of contamination will be removed. Removal of the cart does not grant a second trash day.

2. Load the Cart Loosely

Break down large pieces that can jam in the cart and prevent it from emptying, such as cardboard boxes. Do not pack the cart tightly as it will not empty completely. Please DON'T separate items or put them into a plastic bag, paper bag, or "nest" items inside each other.

3. Place Your Recycling Cart Properly at the Curb

Carts must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 am on your collection day. For carts on alley service, carts placed in the alley should be located on the same side as the garbage carts. Carts should be removed and stored beside the house no later than 8:00 pm.

RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT

Please place your cart at least 6 feet away from all surrounding items at the curb. These include: cars, mail boxes, fences, fire hydrants, and basketball hoops.

The cart should be placed with the wheels immediately against the curb. For those on alley service, the cart should be placed on the same side as the trash can. Please ensure that the recycling cart is removed no later than 8:00 pm on collection day.



Keep Carts 6 Feet Away From:
Mailboxes, other carts, parked cars, fire hydrants and utility poles

Keep Carts 14 Feet Away From:
Low hanging trees or shrubs and electrical / utility lines

DON'Ts — RECYCLE CURBSIDE:

Please **DON'T** put these contaminants in your recycling cart. They either tangle in equipment, lower the value of recyclables or they are not recyclable:

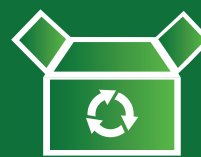
- NO Garbage!
- NO plastic bags (shopping or animal food bags)
- NO styrofoam: cups; fast food boxes; or packaging peanuts
- NO aluminum foil or pie plates
- NO glass (bottles, Pyrex, light bulbs, or mirrors)
- NO aerosol cans, paint cans, motor oil, antifreeze, syringes
- NO clothing
- NO plastic toys
- NO plastic lawn furniture or tubs
- NO scrap metal (pots & pans, lawn chairs, pipe, etc.)
- NO wire, rope, chain, fishing line, or garden hose
- NO electronics
- NO yard waste including grass clippings and all wood types
- NO containers or paper products with food residue (napkins, paper plates, paper towels, diapers, etc.)

DO's — RECYCLE CURBSIDE:



PAPER PRODUCTS

Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, office paper, junk mail, telephone directories, paperback books*, cardboard, paper towel/toilet paper cores, and detergent boxes. Shredded paper can be loose, in a paper bag, or in a box. Remove plastic wrapping or bag around newspaper or magazine. Remove all plastic liners, packaging & packing peanuts. Flatten cardboard boxes. Paper grocery bags are OK!



PASTEBOARD BOXES

Cereal, Kleenex, cake mix, crackers, food boxes, and shoe boxes. Be sure to remove all plastic liners and packaging materials.

Note: Paperback books, hardback books, and other reading materials can be donated to the Friends of the Library 254-298-5556.



PLASTICS

Most plastics #1 to #7. Beverage containers, such as soda bottles, water bottles, and milk jugs. Food containers and detergent bottles. Labels are okay. All plastics must be rinsed clean. Lids are also recyclable. Don't include plastic bags or styrofoam. NO motor oil or antifreeze.



METALS

Includes aluminum cans, steel cans, pet food cans, and other non-hazardous product containers made of aluminum, tin, or steel. Labels are okay. Please empty and rinse clean. NO aluminum foil or pie plates.

HOW TO RECYCLE ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Glass — (Clear and Brown only) Glass can be taken to either recycling center. These are located at: 3015 Bullseye Lane and 602 Jack Baskin Drive.

Yard Waste — 6 cubic yards of brush can be placed at the front curb. Grass and leaves can be recycled on your yard or bag and place at curb for bulk pickup.

Plastic Bags — These can be recycled at many local store accepting plastic bags..

Hazardous Materials — The City holds a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day in October annually.

Electronics — Electronics are usually collected during the HHW event or other special events.

Tire Collection — Tires, antifreeze, oil filters, and oil are collected year round by the Solid Waste Department. Special events involving Tire Collection include: HHW, the annual Tire Recycling Event and special events throughout the year.



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